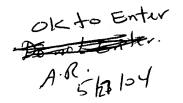
APR 2 2 2004 W



PATENT 0905-0225P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Norihisa HANEDA

Conf.:

1465

Appl. No.:

09/426,135

Group:

2622

Filed:

October 25, 1999

Examiner: Iraj A. RAHIMI

For:

FILING SYSTEM AND REPRODUCTION

APPARATUS

RECEIVED

APR 2 7 2004

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Technology Center 2600

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 22, 2004

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003, the period for response having been extended three (3) months to April 22, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes a Claim Set and Remarks.

04/23/2004 CCHAU1 00000041 09426135

01 FC:1253

950.00 OP